

such as, let's say, let's target the undocumented immigrants. Let's target them. Let's create some State laws, and Federal laws, also, to make it convenient, make it attractive for law enforcement to go in there and bring those folks to the private detention center and house them down there and pay them government money, \$70, \$80 a bed.

Why would ALEC have a committee dealing with voting rights? Well, to produce legislation that makes it more difficult for people who support the opposition, makes it easy to deny those folks their right to vote. And so you have those voter suppression laws. They came out of ALEC.

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Then you have the commercial committee, let's call it, of ALEC. They produce legislation such as crush-the-union legislation, also misnamed right-to-work legislation. It is not right-to-work, it is crush-the-union.

So the bill, or the bills, that have been passed out of the Michigan assembly in both their house and senate are products of ALEC, the American Legislative Exchange Council, almost word for word. I challenge anyone to go look on the Internet, look at, if you will, go look up prwatch, PR, Paul Robert, prwatch, W-A-T-C-H.org, prwatch.org.

Go there and put in the letters A-L-E-C in their search button. Go there and find out about ALEC. Find out. Go look at the draft legislation that was produced by the corporations who are members of ALEC which then, after wining and dining the legislators, the legislators then went back home and introduced that legislation which benefits the very corporations that wined and dined them and gave them the legislation.

And guess what? Those corporations, pursuant to Citizens United, can participate in the campaign process. They can do electioneering. They can influence elections. They can give money to organizations that support candidates. And so it's an ugly lobbying situation when you put corporations with legislators in a wining-and-dining setting with added benefit of campaign contributions. They can't lose. That's what ALEC is all about is putting legislators with businesses. And then those legislators, who tend to be Republican, then carry out the wishes of the big business.

Who suffers? The middle class. So just 30 days after, the middle class, the people, rue the day we still have ALEC and the corporations that fund it out there trying to destroy the middle class by crushing the union.

How do they crush the union? Because they know that the union doesn't have a situation like ALEC where you are putting the legislator with the corporation or the corporate interests. You're putting them together, you're wining and dining the legislators, and then you are also pushing your legislation on them; and as an added bonus,

you're giving them campaign contributions so that they can get reelected. You got it going on.

Unions don't have that kind of set up. There is no ALEC of unions. But unions do participate in the political process. They get behind candidates who support working people.

I see my time has come to an end, and I would love to discuss this more. In fact, I believe that I will because this time last year I was on the floor for an hour talking about the Koch brothers. I want so much to be able to bring the Koch brothers into this discussion to see how Sheldon Adelson and Karl Rove come into this equation going all the way back to the Lewis Powell memo. So we will be back. We will talk about those things as soon as possible. Thank you very much.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. GRIFFIN of Arkansas (at the request of Mr. CANTOR) for the week of December 11 on account of illness.

Mr. REYES (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today and the balance of the week on account of medical reasons.

#### SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 3564. An act to extend the Public Interest Declassification Act of 2000 until 2014 and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

#### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 3187. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the March of Dimes Foundation.

H.R. 6582. An act to allow for innovations and alternative technologies that meet or exceed desired energy efficiency goals, and to make technical corrections to existing Federal energy efficiency laws to allow American manufacturers to remain competitive.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 45 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, December 13, 2012, at 9 a.m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

8707. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Clodinafop-propargyl; Pesticide Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2012-0202; FRL-9371-6] received December 4, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

8708. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Picoxystrobin; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2010-0458; FRL-9370-8] received December 4, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

8709. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Dodine; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2011-0743; FRL-9364-7] received December 4, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

8710. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule — Federal Perkins Loan Program, Federal Family Education Loan Program, and William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program [Docket ID: ED-2012-OPE-0010] (RIN: 1840-AD05) received December 7, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

8711. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Uniform Compliance Date for Food Labeling Regulations [Docket No.: FDA-2000-N-0011] received December 3, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

8712. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval, Disapproval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; State of Utah; Regional Haze Rule Requirements for Mandatory Class I Areas under 40 CFR 51.309 [EPA-R08-OAR-2011-0114; FRL-9751-6] received December 4, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

8713. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; State of Washington; Regional Haze State Implementation Plan [EPA-R10-OAR-2012-0078; FRL-9722-9] received December 4, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

8714. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Outer Continental Shelf Air Regulations Consistency Update for California [EPA-R09-OAR-2004-0091; FRL-9750-6] received December 4, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

8715. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval of Air Quality Implementation Plans; California; South Coast Air Quality Management District; Prevention of Significant Deterioration; Greenhouse Gases [EPA-R09-OAR-2012-0513; FRL-